

## Abstract of the Disclosure

A latch device engages and releases a striker by push-and-push operations. The latch device includes a case having an opening for receiving the striker therethrough, a latch member  
5 disposed inside the case and being able to be switched between an engagement position where the striker is prevented from being removed and a release position where the striker can be removed, a spring member for urging the latch member to the release position, generally heart-shaped cam grooves symmetrically  
10 provided on two sides of the latch member, and a pin member having a general U-shape and disposed inside the case. The pin member includes a U-shape intermediate portion disposed on a side opposite to the opening of the case, and edges formed at U-shape side portions. The edges project toward each other to engage and  
15 trace the cam grooves.